

CLAIMS:

What is claimed is:

1. A method of efficiently provisioning application services for a plurality of diverse applications, comprising:
 - 5 creating an organization entity within a data center;
 - creating an organization unit for the organization entity;
 - associating a group identification number with the organization entity; and
 - propagating at least one of the organization unit and the group identification number to at least one application server within the data center.
- 10 2. The method according to claim 1, further comprising:
 - collecting information about the organization entity; and
 - storing the collected information in an administrative database.
- 15 3. The method according to claim 1, further comprising:
 - associating a suffix with the organization entity; and
 - verifying the uniqueness of the suffix within the data center.
4. The method according to claim 3, further comprising:
 - 20 storing in an administrative database the suffix, the organization unit and the group identification number.
5. The method according to claim 1, further comprising:

storing permission information for application services in association with the organization entity in an administrative database.

6. The method according to claim 5, wherein the permission information includes information identifying the application services and at least one server for providing the application services.

7. The method according to claim 6, wherein the application services include rendering a published application.

8. The method according to claim 6, wherein the application services include rendering a custom application.

9. The method according to claim 5, further comprising;
storing permission information for data associated with the organization entity in the administrative database.

10. The method according to claim 1, wherein the diverse applications include Windows applications and Unix applications.

11. The method according to claim 1, wherein the propagating is performed based on an active directory.

12. The method according to claim 1, wherein the propagating is performed based on multi-master architecture.

13. The method according to claim 2, further comprising:

- 5 adding a user to the organization entity;
- associating a user identification with the user; and
- propagating the user identification in association with at least one of the organization unit and the group identification number to at least one application server within the data center.

10 14. The method according to claim 13, further comprising:

 storing the user identification in the administrative database.

15. The method according to claim 13, further comprising:

 storing permission information for application services in association with the user

15 identification in an administrative database.

16. An architecture for application service provision, comprising:

- an application server array for providing applications to remote clients;
- a brokering array for translating output from at least some of the applications to a
- 20 communication protocol;
- a database for storing administrative data and application data;

an administration array coupled to the database, the administration array receiving organization information, storing the information into the administration database and propagating the organization information to the application array; and

- a redundant switching array for linking the database and the arrays with each other and a
- 5 communications network for delivering application service to the remote clients.

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